



# BCIAA

BERKS COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC  
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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## **BCIAA CHANGES LEAGUE FORMAT** *(Division Alignment, Playoff Selection and Bracketing Format Altered)*

Reading, PA. (March 6, 2019) - The Berks County Interscholastic Athletic Association has approved changes that will alter the league's division and playoff format in the sports of Boys' and Girls' Soccer, Field Hockey, Boys' and Girls' Basketball, Softball, and Baseball. Starting with the 2020 - 2021 school year, the league will have four divisions in these sports, moving away from the current three division format that has been used for the past 6 years. Wrestling divisional alignment will change, but the current wrestling playoff process will remain.

Teams will play each team in their division twice and crossover once. Teams from Divisions I and II will crossover and teams from Divisions III and IV will crossover. Eight teams will make the BCIAA playoffs. The four division champions, the second place team from Division I and II that won the crossover game between the two second-place teams, and the second place team from Division III and IV that won the crossover game between the two second-place teams, will be the six automatic qualifiers. Two at-large teams will then be selected based off the highest remaining power rated teams.

Initially, the playoff teams will be seeded by District III power rating. A seeding meeting will take place after the league scheduling cutoff date, with the seeding committee determining the final bracket. The seeding committee will be able to consider various factors while seeding the 8-team bracket and will be able to create a bracket based off actual data from the season, instead of a pre-determined bracket which has been used in the past with both 3-division and 4-division formats.

Several factors were considered by a special committee that was formed in making these changes to the league's structure, including but not limited to: school enrollments, competitive balance, number of league-assigned competitions, and keeping and creating meaningful divisional and crossover contests. Schools were able to submit letters to change divisions, and most requested movements were able to be granted. The goal of this re-alignment was to create divisions where teams can have a chance to be successful within their division, while also creating divisions that push our teams to face tough competition to better prepare them for playoff success at the District III and PIAA levels.

The BCIAA is very unique in regards to the differences in the size of our member schools, and each sport presents its own and sometimes very different case on what may or may not work for our BCIAA playoffs. We are confident that the process to change the league division alignment and playoff structure has resulted in a system that maximizes the potential for success for all member schools and takes into consideration the differences in the size of the member schools, finding compromises between large and small schools whenever possible. Official Blue Book (policy manual) updates and divisional alignments, which will be enacted for the 2020-2021 school year, can be found attached to this press release.

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## 2020-2022 Division Alignments:

B.C.I.A.A. 2020-2021 & 2021-2022 - Each Sports Classified by Specific GENDER, including Co-Op (exception for same sport of both genders that travel and play together at the same site often with the same head coach)									
(18 schools) Baseball	(18 schools) Softball	(18 schools) Boys Basketball	(18 schools) Girls Basketball	(18 schools) Boys Soccer	(17 schools) Girls Soccer	(17 schools) Field Hockey	(17 schools) Boys Tennis	(17 schools) Girls Tennis	(16 schools) Boys/Girls Track
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PINK shade = male + female enrollment  
 YELLOW shade = gender specific enrollment  
 BLUE shade = co-op

## Blue Book Updates (effective 2020-2021 school year):

### Qualifications for Playoffs:

- Ties for division championships and runner-ups will be broken in the following manner:
  - a. Head to Head Record;
  - b. District III Power-Rating (confirmed at the Conference power-rating deadline for each sport, using as many decimal points as needed)
  - c. In the event of a 3-way tie, if one team is eliminated by head-to-head results (record vs the teams involved in the tie), then the remaining 2 teams will use the tie-breaking criteria listed above to determine the final placements.
- Wild cards into the BCIAA playoffs will be based off of District 3 power ratings and only the top 4 teams in each division will be considered to determine the 2 wild card teams.

### Sport-Specific Pages (Soccer, Field Hockey, Basketball, Baseball, Softball):

- The top team (division champion) from each division qualify for play-offs (4 teams).
- The Division 1 and Division 2 runner-ups will be compared and the winner of that head-to-head game will receive an automatic bid (1 team). (In Soccer and FH, if the division runner-ups tie, the automatic bid will be awarded to the team with the higher power rating)
- The Division 3 and Division 4 runner-ups will be compared and the winner of that head-to-head game will receive an automatic bid (1 team). (In Soccer and FH, if the division runner-ups tie, the automatic bid will be awarded to the team with the higher power rating)
- The next best two power-rated teams qualify for play-offs (2) – only the top 4 teams in each division will be considered to determine the 2 wild card teams.
- An initial 8-team bracket will be pre-seeded by using the District 3 power rating of all 8 teams.

- A seeding committee will be formed and run by the sport chair and meet one (1) day after the BCIAA cutoff date at 7:00PM to create the final bracket. This committee will consist of all 8 head coaches of the teams qualifying for playoffs (or another school-appointed representative if the head coach is not available) as well as an optional one (1) or three (3) additional members who have significant knowledge of all of the playoff teams and approved by the Sport Chair and Executive Director. Athletic Directors who have nominations of qualified individuals should submit those names to the Sport Chair and Executive Director in advance of the pre-season coaches meeting so that the Sport Chair can inform the coaches before the season starts who will be represented on the seeding committee.
- Each team representative will have the opportunity to present their case to the seeding committee on if their seed should be moved up based on factual information.
  - Initial seeding will be done by power ranking.
  - Challenges will start with the #1 seed. If there are no challenges - the #1 seed is closed and no one can challenge later.
  - Proceed to the #2 seed and follow through all seeds.
  - There is no limit to the number of places (seeds) you may move
  - If a challenge occurs, ask the coach of the challenged seed if he concedes the seed or accepts the challenge, if he concedes the seed, the challenger will fill that seed and all seeds will move down one position. If he accepts the challenge, allow the two coaches 30 seconds to state their rationale for the challenged seed.
  - Both coaches will be excused from the room for a vote.
  - Remaining seeding committee members will vote, whether to grant or refuse the challenge considering the information presented.
  - In the event there is an even vote (5-5, 4-4, etc.), the highest seeded team will remain in their seeded position and the challenge will be defeated.
- The seeding committee will consider the following criteria when voting on any seed changes
  - Head to head results
  - Results vs common opponents
  - Injuries/absences of key players during the regular season which may have affected the outcome of games.
  - When possible, trying to avoid first round matchups of teams from the same division.